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SUBJECT: VISIT TO OSLO BY GDR VICE FOREIGN MINISTER;

TIMING FOR EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE

GENEVA FOR CSCE DEL

1. AT FEBRUARY 25 POLADS NORWEGIAN REP (GAARDER) REPORTED ON JANUARY 14-15 VISIT TO NORWAY BY GDR VICE FOREIGN MINISTER KURT NIER. VISIT WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL POLICY LEVEL CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
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TWO YEARS AGO.

2. DURING NIER'S VISIT THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS, CSCE AND MBFR, WHICH NORWEGIAN REP DESCRIBED AS

BUSINESSLIKE AND NON-POLEMIC. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, NO DEVIATION FROM STANDARD GDR POSITIONS. ON RELATIONS WITH THE FRG, THE GDR VICE FONMIN EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION AND SAID FURTHER IMPROVEMENT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.

3. RE A EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE, THE GDR VICE FONMIN TOLD THE NORWEGIANS THAT A MAJORITY OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES FAVORED HOLDING SUCH A CONFERENCE IN BERLIN, THOUGH THE TIMING WAS AS YET UNDECIDED. THE GDR OFFICIAL ADDED HOWEVER, THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE JULY 1. THE ITALIAN REP (FERRETTI) NOTED HIS GOVERNMENT HAD REPORTED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES INDICATING THE SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN UP IDEA OF HOLDING THE EUROPEAN CP CONFERENCE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF CSCE WHICH MAY TAKE PLACE LATER THAN MOSCOW HAD ORIGINALLY HOPED. ACCORDING TO THE ITALIAN REPORTS, THE EUROPEAN CP CONFERENCE MIGHT TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS MAY, FOLLOWING THE CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II. MCAULIFFE.

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